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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING AN OPEN CHANNEL MESSAGE ON THE FEBRUARY 14-16 MARITIME TALKS IN MOSCOW, WELCOMING THE DELEGATION BUT POINTING OUT THE SPACE LIMITATIONS. JIM TREICHEL MIGHT WISH TO REMIND REGGIE BOURDON ON THIS LATTER POINT, FOR THERE IS JUST NO SPACE AT ALL IN THE ECON AREA. SKOUG AND HAMILTON WILL GIVE THE DELEGATION THEIR FULL SUPPORT, EVEN THOUGH HAMILTON WILL BE BY THAT TIME WORKING IN USCO.

2. AT VLAD SAMBAIEW'S REQUEST, WE SENT PER CHANNEL CABLE ON JAN 20 FOR CURTAILMENT OF HIS TOUR TO 18 MONTHS OR, SHOULD ANY APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE OR SUBSTANTIVE VACANCY ARISE IN MOSCOW IN EARLY 1979, TRANSFER TO MOSCOW FOR THE REMAINING SIX MONTHS OF HIS ORIGINAL TOUR.

3. REGARDING TDY ASSIGNMENT OF KAY OLIVER IN MARCH OR APRIL, WE WANT TO ACCOMMODATE HARRY GELMAN AND KAY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY SINCE HARRY AGREED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SEND US JACK SONTAG. AS YOU SUGGEST, THE MAIN PROBLEM WILL BE OFFICE SPACE (ASSUMING THAT KAY IS WILLING TO ENDURE A SOVIET HOTEL, OR AT BEST APARTMENT SIT). POL WILL FINALLY BE AT FULL STRENGTH IN APRIL, BUT WILL HAVE ONLY ONE-HALF OF ITS REGULAR OFFICE SPACE. IF KAY WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY DURING THE MARCH-APRIL PERIOD, AND IS TRULY PREPARED TO ROUGHT IT, WE'LL MANAGE. WE

SHOULD BE IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE ON OFFICE SPACE AFTER MID-SUMMER, IF HER TDY ASSIGNMENT CAN POSSIBLY BE DEFERRED UNTIL LATE SUMMER OR FALL.

4. WE NOTE AN ITEM CONCERNING CIA ESTIMATES OF SOVIET MILITARY SPENDING FOR 1976. WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE GETTING QUESTIONS AT THIS END AND WOULD APPRECIATE QUICK DELIVERY OF BOTH CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT.

5. RE CTB NEGOTIATIONS: TED MCNAMARA WILL BE FINISHING UP IN BERN ON FEB 17 AND WAS PLANNING TO RETURN TO MOSCOW AFTER A STOP IN GENEVA TO CONSULT ON SALT AND CTB. THREE WEEKS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE (ON TOP OF TWO AT IO TALKS), BUT IF DELEGATION WOULD FIND IT USEFUL HE COULD STAY ON FOR A WEEK OR SO.

6. ASSUME YOU NOTED STATEMENT MADE TO ARBATOV AT END OF PARA 3, MOSCOW 766. DID THIS CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS? (BILL LUERS HAS FULL BACKGROUND.)

7. REGARDING PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN PARA ONE, STATE 17144 AND PREVIOUS, WE HAVE RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF KURSCH DEPARTURE. OUR THINKING NOW RUNS ON FOLLOWING LINES, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET TOUCHED BASE WITH ALL INVOLVED SO COMMUNICATIONS AT THIS POINT SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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KEPT IN THIS CHANNEL. (WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE HIGHLY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CONCERNED, BUT SIMPLY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS IT WITH EVERYONE.)

A. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE MAKE FOLLOWING MOVES:

- (1) HAMILTON TO KURSCH SLOT;
- (2) WEISZ TO HAMILTON SLOT IN ECON;
- (3) CINDY SMITH TO CONSULAR IMMEDIATELY.

B. THIS WOULD PERMIT FOLLOWING MOVES THIS SUMMER IF DESIRED ALL AROUND:

- (1) FARRAND TO SOV;
- (2) HAMILTON TO FARRAND SLOT UNTIL 1980;
- (3) WEISZ TO USCO INTO SLOT VACATED BY HAMILTON (UP TO NOW KURSCH SLOT);
- (4) CINDY SMITH REMAINS IN CONS AS PLANNED;
- (5) WOLFE TO ECON SLOT VACATED BY WEISZ.

C. THIS SCENARIO WOULD HAVE FOLLOWING VIRTUES:

(1) HAMILTON WOULD GAINFULL-TIME EXPERIENCE IN USCO WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. (WE CONSIDER AT LEAST SIX MONTHS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.)

(2) WEISZ COULD WORK FROM OUTSET IN HIS ECON SPECIALTY AND AVOID THE BREAK IN TOUR FOR GARMISCH;

(3) BY BRINGING CINDY SMITH ON IMMEDIATELY CONS WILL GAIN CONTINUITY AND AVOID TRAINING AN OFFICER WHO WILL LEAVE WITHIN A FEW MONTHS;

(4) YOU GET FARRAND;

(5) CONTINUITY IN USCO LEADERSHIP DURING 1979 MOVES; AND

(6) WE SAVE A HOUSING UNIT DURING CRITICAL SPRING PERIOD WHILE COVERING ALL THESE POSITIONS.

IF THIS SEEMS DOABLE, LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY AND IF--AS WE ANTICIPATE--EVERYONE CONCERNED AGREES, WE WILL SUBMIT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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